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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17, 19 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17, 19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6, 9-17, and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Szabo et al. (3,993,065). Szabo discloses an adaptor (24) connectable with an automatic syringe pump (14) for a hand-held syringe and a hand-held syringe (16), the syringe containing contents to be dispensed, the adaptor comprising a syringe driver (28) for agitating the contents of the syringe, wherein the adaptor comprises an adaptor body receivable by a syringe receiving unit of the syringe pump, and a syringe retainer (20) comprising an annular syringe ring for retaining a flange of the hand-held syringe, wherein the driver can cause the syringe ring to rotate, further comprising a guide piston (not numbered), an extension arm (distal part of 28), and a dispense rod (17) rotatably mounted to the extension arm. It is the position of the Examiner that the inherent use of the device meets all of the steps disclosed by the Applicant.

Claims 1-17, and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bucchianeri (4,424,720). Bucchianeri discloses an adaptor (15,17,18) connectable with an automatic syringe pump (10) for a hand-held syringe and a hand-held syringe (11), the syringe containing contents to be dispensed, the adaptor comprising a syringe

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driver (15a,19) for agitating the contents of the syringe, wherein the adaptor comprises an adaptor body receivable by a syringe receiving unit of the syringe pump, and a syringe retainer comprising an annular syringe ring for retaining a flange of the hand-held syringe, wherein the driver can cause the syringe ring to rotate, further comprising a guide piston (15), an extension arm (17), and a dispense rod (not numbered) rotatably mounted to the extension arm. It is the position of the Examiner that the use of the device meets all of the steps disclosed by the Applicant.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 6/15/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In response to the Applicant's argument that Szabo fails to disclose a syringe driver for rotationally agitating the contents of the syringe, the Examiner respectfully disagrees. The limitation of "rotationally agitating" is being interpreted as describing the motion of the contents of the syringe and does not provide a substantial structural limitation of the adaptor. The motion of the driver will cause movement of the molecules of the contents in all directions including a rotational direction.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theodore J. Stigell whose telephone number is 571-272-8759. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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